

Ganyu dialect

Ganyu dialect is a (simplified Chinese: 赣榆话; traditional Chinese: 贛榆話; pinyin: *Gànyú huà*) is a dialect of Mandarin Chinese. It is spoken in the former Ganyu county, now renamed as Ganyu district and the northwestern part of Donghai county, in Jiangsu province of China.

Ganyu dialect is a kind of Mandarin Chinese, but there are great disputes in the subdivision of Mandarin Chinese. Some linguists regard it as one of Central Plains Mandarin like Xuzhou Dialect because of same evolution of the entering tone in ancient Chinese with Central Plains Mandarin. But some linguists think of it as a kind of Jiaoliao Mandarin because of same initial consonant system. In fact, Ganyu Dialect shares more common vocabulary with Jiaoliao Maandarin. It is a little difficult for a man whose mother tone is Central Plains Mandarin to understand Ganyu Dialect.

There are great differences in the Ganyu Dialect. The accent of a man from northwestern Ganyu listens more like the one of a man born and grown up in neighbor area of Shandong Province. However the difference never affect the communication of local people.

A few common examples of the difference between Standard Mandarin and the Ganyu Dialect are: 百 or 白 are pronounced "bei" instead of "bai". Another one is the use of the word 肉, pronounced as "you" instead of "rou". These are common words that can make following conversations quite complicated without the supplemental transcript.

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